GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3264
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IMPACT OF CHILD LABOUR SCHEMES
Bose Shri Subrata

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons/children benefited under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) and other poverty alleviation and income generation schemes;

(b) whether any study/survey has been conducted by the Union Government to ascertain the impact of the said schemes in eradication of child labour; and

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): Under the Scheme of National Child Labour Project (NCLP),so far,4.83 lakh children have been mainstreamed into formal education system.The number of beneficiaries assisted/ employment generated (mandays) under different Poverty Alleviation and Income Generation schemes are as under:-

Name of the Scheme	Activity	No. of beneficiaries
Swarna jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (since 1.12.1997 and as on 10.12.2008)	Number of urban poor assisted to set up individual/group micro enterprisesfor self employment	1217978
	Number of urban poor imparted Skill training (since 1.12.1997 and as on 10.12.2008)	1359916
Swaran Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (as per the reports received as on 22.05.2008)	Swarozgaris assisted y living below the provert line during 2007-08	1410007
National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (as per the reports received as on 22.05.2008)	Employment generated during 2007-08	14344.92 lakh mandays.
Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yozana	Employment generated during 2007-08	2017.78 lakh mandays

(as per the reports
received as on
22.05.2008)

(b) to (c): Yes Sir.Government had conducted evaluation of the NCLP scheme to ascertain the impact of the said scheme.The major findings of the said evaluation are annexed. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Ministry of Rural Development have not conducted any study/survey specifically to ascertain the impact on eradication of child labour.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3264 FOR ANSWER ON 22.12.08 BY SHRI SUBRATA BOSE

In most areas, the community has welcomed the opening of the NCLP schools/centres,which have provided an opportunity to fulfill the specific educational,needs of the identified target group. The special schools need to be continued and should be relocated to areas where they are most required.

The enrolment rate has been as high as 95% with attendance rate averaging at 75%.The projects have made a fair impact in the areas where they are being run.

Selection of teachers is crucial to the success of the programme.Where they have been systematically trained,the project has shown very positive results.
Stipend and nutrition at school were important determinants for enrolment and retention of children in school.

One of the primary objective of the project is to mainstream as many children as possible into the formal school system.The position regarding mainstreaming showed a varied picture.While schools using the formal school curriculum have shown better levels of mainstreaming,schools using the non -formal curriculum have also managed to successfully mainstream students.

Vocational training in most projects suffers from a paucity of funds and is not based on a scientific need based assessment of the labour demand in the area.

Aspects of awareness generation,convergence and infrastructure in the schools need to be paid more attention.

There is need for a full time project Director for the project

A systematic plan of action needs to be drawn up for follow up with children who have been mainstreamed.

The scheme of NCLPs remains the most powerful intervention available to the Government to combat the menace of child labour. The time is crucial for consolidation and expansion with certain modifications in structure and content.